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PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 21402-230 (CURA-530)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS :

Spytek. et al.

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PETITION FOR FIVE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a petition for a five-month (5) extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated March 15, 2002. With the extension, the response is due on or before Tuesday, October 15, 2002. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,960.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(5). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311. Reference No. 21402-230. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 15, 2002

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